

CAT CLUB BORDER FOR 1,000 MICE

BIG SUPPLY WANTED FOR STAMFORD'S SHOW NEXT WEEK.

Secretary of the Club Says He Will Get the Mice in This City and That the Killing Contest Will Be on Tuesday—A City Ordinance Will Permit Show.

STAMFORD, Conn., Jan. 15.—The Executive Committee of the Connecticut Cat Club met this afternoon. Dr. Frank Abbott, secretary and founder of the club, and a director of the Atlantic Cat Club of New York, says the idea is to have a pen for killing mice by kittens similar to that used in cock fights. He declared that he had given an order for 1,000 mice to a New York man and that they would be here on Monday early. It is proposed to have mouse-killing trials on Tuesday morning next.

"We don't care to do anything to antagonize public sentiment," said Dr. Abbott, "but if the people become so tender-hearted as Mayor Leeds would have it, that is no concern of ours. Executive Committee of the Connecticut Cat Club, secretary and founder of the club, and a director of the Atlantic Cat Club of New York, says the idea is to have a pen for killing mice by kittens similar to that used in cock fights. He declared that he had given an order for 1,000 mice to a New York man and that they would be here on Monday early. It is proposed to have mouse-killing trials on Tuesday morning next.

At the meeting of the Executive Committee, Mayor Charles H. Leeds was elected an honorary member of the club. They had to amend the constitution to do so, for no provision was made in it for honorary members. The club is satisfied that the field trials they have in view are entirely within the law.

Thomas S. Cummings, husband of the club president, and prosecuting attorney for the Connecticut Humane Society, said to-night that the fact that the proposed mice killing would take place in public made no difference. He said there was no violation of the law in the trials as contemplated and declared there was a statute which covered the matter. He said that which the Mayor and Mr. Haines of the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals have overlooked.

Mrs. Cummings, president of the club, had this to say about Mr. Haines:

"Mr. Haines is a good soul who evidently takes himself too seriously. He has, however, succeeded in adding an amusing feature to the situation. The club has received no notification yet from the Connecticut Humane Society to abandon its proposed show. Section 183 of the city ordinances seems to authorize the show. It is not.

The Mayor may issue a license, as provided in the ordinance concerning licenses and permits, for any public contest, play, farce, show, tragedy, comedy, or other theatrical or dramatic performance, exhibition of animals or curiosities, or exhibition of animals or curiosities for gain, specifying in such license the time and particular place in the city where that no part of such exhibition show or performance shall be contrary to the statutes of the State or the ordinances of said city.

Every person who shall take any part as an actor, manager, agent, or owner of an exhibition or performance, and every owner or other person having charge of any building, room or premises in the city where such a performance is given, shall be liable to a fine not less than twenty nor more than one hundred dollars for every such offense.

President John P. Hines of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, declared yesterday that, whether Mrs. Cummings killed it or not, he would not permit any mouse-killing contest.

"We will not permit this exhibition of cruelty," he said yesterday. "I have communicated with William DeLoz Love, president of the Connecticut Humane Society at Hartford, and he has said that he will nip it right now by his organization and thus save further trouble. It seems incredible that a body of refined women should want to engage in such a thing. I fall to see the humor in such an attempt to revive the vicious old practice of rat baiting. I can assure you that if these Connecticut women persist in this thing, the laws will be invoked to punish them."

MADELINE CHURCH'S IDENTITY

Her Name Is Snyder and She Has Lived at the "Lord's Farm."

Supt. Merwin of the Outdoor Poor received letters yesterday from Spring Valley, N. Y., which leave little doubt as to the identity of the young woman known as Madeline Church who has been in the New York Infirmary for several weeks. The girl spoke of having lived in Spring Valley at one time, but could not or would not tell the name of the family with which she lived.

Mr. Merwin wrote to the overseer of the poor at Spring Valley in this way: "I was learned that the girl's real name was Snyder, and that she had been employed as a servant by a Mrs. Marrett. The girl came to Spring Valley early in November and disappeared after staying there about three weeks. She was next heard from in Hoboken, where she attempted suicide."

While in Spring Valley the girl told Mrs. Marrett that her parents died when she was very young and that the greater part of her life had been spent at the "Lord's Farm," a community of religious fanatics in Pennsylvania. She was transferred to the Lord's Farm community in New Jersey and finally ran away.

TRAVELLED WITH SMALLPOX.

Washington Hotel Employee Comes Here When He Learns of His Illness.

Robert McLaughlin, a negro, suffering from smallpox, entered the Hudson Street Hospital yesterday morning and announced that he had come from Washington, where he had been working as a hall boy at the Continental Hotel. He was taken ill on Wednesday, he said, and because he feared to alarm the guests of the hotel, took a Pennsylvania train for New York at 10 o'clock on Wednesday night, arriving here early yesterday morning. He said that the third man suffering from smallpox who has come here from Washington this winter. The Health Board authorities have written to Dr. Woodward, health officer at Washington, urging a careful inspection of persons traveling out of the capital. The Jersey City health authorities have been asked to disinfest the Pennsylvania train on which the negro travelled.

WROT TO PRODUCE HER HUSBAND.

Leonora Fuller Says His Uncle Is Keeping Him From Her.

Justice Freedman, on the application of Howe & Hummel, counsel for Leonora B. Fuller, granted a writ of habeas corpus yesterday directing Augustin Fuller to produce his nephew, Frank Fuller. The woman alleges that she and Frank Fuller were married a few days ago, and that his relatives are seeking to prevent him from living with or supporting her.

On Tuesday Augustin Fuller, who is president of the Augustin Fuller Company, 35 South William street, had Mrs. Fuller arrested after she had called at his office and insisted on seeing her husband. In the Tombs court she was discharged with a reprimand.

VISCOUNTS'S WATCH FOUND.

Not Stolen From the Plaza Hotel, but Lost in Her Own Bed.

Detective Clarke, who was detailed to hunt for the diamond-studded watch which Viscountess Variny believed had been stolen from her room in the Plaza Hotel, found it yesterday afternoon between two mattresses in her bedroom.

Blaze in Edmund Coffin's House.

A lace curtain in the house of Edmund Coffin, 17 West Fifty-seventh street, caught fire at 12 o'clock last night while the family were at dinner. Policemen Hughes of the East Fifty-first street station saw the flames, and with the help of the servants and several members of the family extinguished the blaze, but not until \$200 damage had been done to the woodwork and furnishings.

NO 104TH STREET STATION NOW.

Probably None at All—They Say It Would Delay the Tunnel Eight Months.

Another right-about-face movement was executed by the Rapid Transit Commission yesterday in the matter of the station at 104th street and Central Park West. Contractor McDonald appeared before the board and said that the building of the station would mean a delay of at least eight months on the opening of the system. The cars will be delivered at the company's sheds on the Harlem River and would have to be drawn through the eastern tunnel.

"It is apparent," he said, "that if the East Side branch is tied up for eight months the rest of the system will have to be tied up also. While we are blasting rock for the station work on the tunnel itself must be stopped. There will be no Harlem in fifteen minutes" in a year if we are hindered in our work on the East Side tunnel."

Comptroller Grout, who wants to see the 104th street station established, asked Chief Engineer Parsons when the underground system would be ready for public service. Mr. Parsons informed him that traffic would probably be begun next fall south of the Harlem River. Mr. Grout thought that in the intervening months there would be ample time to build the station and also complete the tunnel.

"By no means," Mr. Parsons replied. "If we are to have the tunnel in operation by the autumn, trial trains must be running during the summer. If you attempted to put this system into operation without giving some months to the work of breaking in the cars and the men, and to the testing of machinery there would be every risk of disaster."

It was finally decided to postpone the building of the 104th street station until the summer, and to go ahead and complete the tunnel. He expects to finish the work by April 1 on this section, when the board will again take up the 104th street station. The possibility is that the station will never be built. In order to blast out the requisite space for the station it would be necessary to block the tracks with timber supports for the roof.

Mayor Low, who has been over the subway from Fifth street to the 145th street viaduct, finished the work in an address to the board yesterday.

DE TERNAY MONUMENT CHOSEN.

Design by Philip Martini Selected for the Newport Memorial.

Twelve models submitted in the competition for the De TERNAY monument was exhibited yesterday afternoon at Knoedler's Art Gallery, and the jury selected that of Philip Martini for the Newport statue in memory of the landing of America's French allies in 1777.

The idea of placing a memorial on the spot where De TERNAY landed, originated last July, when the City Council of Newport made over a plot of ground overlooking the harbor to the Cercle Littéraire Franco-Américain which sent out a call to French and American sculptors to submit designs.

The chosen yesterday consists of an obelisk at the base of which a winged Victory, standing on the prow of a vessel, approaches the shore. On each side of the obelisk hangs a wreath of immortelles, and at the rear base is a laurel wreath. The De TERNAY, surmounting the joined shields of the United States and France.

The monument is seven feet tall. The statue, which will be of bronze and granite, will probably be five times that height. A curious oversight on the part of the sculptor was the date, MDCCLXX, on the base of the obelisk, which most of the committee read as "1777," until forced by a spectator to count it up on their fingers.

In case of the monument committed was any attempt made to reproduce the features of Admiral De TERNAY, for the reason that the only extant picture hangs in the chateau of a descendant and is in such a bad state of preservation that the photograph sent to the committee was practically useless.

Martini, who was the designer of the Dewey Arch and of the bronze gates to the Vanderbilt house at Newport, expects to have the statue ready for placing on July 4.

CONGRESS OF NATIONS HERE.

Begins Sessions in the City Hall to Discuss American Trade Relations.

The International Customs Congress of American Nations convened yesterday in the City Hall to bring closer the commercial relations between the United States and the republics of South America. The congress is to discuss the commercial systems and trade regulations of the different countries with the idea of agitating for the removal of such restrictions as tend to affect commerce between the countries.

Representatives from the Argentine Republic, Costa Rica, Cuba, Ecuador, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Mexico, Labrador and Venezuela were present at yesterday's meeting. At a preliminary meeting of the United States delegates for organization there were present Shipping Commissioner Chamberlain, Collector Straughan, General Appraiser Whitehead, ex-Mayor Grace, Gustav H. Schwab, Kenneth C. W. H. Lincoln, president of the Boston Chamber of Commerce, Robert B. Armstrong, secretary to Secretary Shaw, Special Deputy Collector Crouch, President Samuel Fischer of the Board of General Appraisers and Assistant Secretary Spaulding of the Treasury.

The congress was called to order by Assistant Secretary Spaulding and Mr. Grace was unanimously elected temporary chairman. Then adjournment was taken to Saturday morning, when Mayor Low will welcome the delegates to the city. The response will be made by Don Perez of Honduras.

WHO GOT CONSCIENCE MONEY?

Card Case Full, It Mailed to the Comptroller, Didn't Arrive.

Comptroller Grout asked the newspapers yesterday to print this request from him:

"The Comptroller would be glad to hear further, with full particulars, from the party who wrote him on Tuesday, that he had mailed him on Monday a card case containing a sum of money to be applied to taxes."

WINS A COUBERTIN MEDAL.

An Indians Senior at Princeton Gets the \$100 Piece of Gold.

PRINCETON, N. J., Jan. 15.—The annual French medal debate for seniors held last night was won by Paxton P. Hibben of Indianapolis, Ind. Mr. Hibben spoke on the negative side of the question, resolved "That the French Alliance would be beneficial to France."

Baron Pierre de Coubertin of Paris, the founder of the International Olympic Games gives the medal. It is of gold and is valued at \$100. Alphonse Desdise, the well-known French sculptor designed it.

Record Lot of Police Trials.

There were more than a hundred cases on the calendar for trial before Deputy Commissioner Piper at Police Headquarters yesterday. This is the largest number on one day since the Low administration took power. Capt. Piper laid only disposed of about two-thirds of them at 6 o'clock last night.

Firemen's Wives Sign a Petition.

The wives of Jersey City firemen are signing a petition to the Board of Fire Commissioners to pay their husbands' salary warrants semi-monthly instead of monthly.

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VANDERBILT DEATH TAX HOLDS

WAS WAR LEVY ON A. G. VANDERBILT'S RESIDUARY INTEREST.

Executors Argued That This Interest Could Not Be Taxed Until It Actually Vested, but the Court Says the Property, Not the Individual, Is Assessed.

William K. Vanderbilt and the other executors of the will of Cornelius Vanderbilt have lost their suit in the United States Circuit Court to recover \$211,081.30 levied under the War Tax act of June, 1898, on Alfred Gwynne Vanderbilt's residuary interest in his father's estate. Judge Wheeler sustains a demurrer interposed by the Government to the complaint.

It was contended by the executors that Alfred Gwynne Vanderbilt's interest was not an actual vested right and therefore not taxable. The will provided that after he became 21 years old the young man was to have the income from the entire residuary estate and that he was to get one-half of the principal when he became 30 and the other half at 35. In case of his prior death the money was to go to his children or, if he died childless, to his brother Reginald. From this it was argued there were several contingent legacies which could be taxed only at their actual value when absolutely vested.

Judge Wheeler holds that there is but one bequest, although "by the happening of events it may reach others of the testator's relatives than Alfred Vanderbilt. The Court continues:

"The assessment is not upon the beneficiaries, but upon the estate, and not upon that as it reaches them, but in cases like this as it goes to the trustees for them. The complaint does not show the amount of this bequest, nor how much the tax assessed upon it as a single bequest in this manner would be and consequent not in figures whether it would be less than the \$211,081.30 levied, but quite obviously, by its terms, it would not be less than any sum it does not appear that any sum too large has been assessed and levied upon the manner set forth. In this view the complaint fails to show any cause for action and cannot be upheld."

The Vanderbilts, it is understood, will appeal the case. Assistant District Attorney Charles D. Baker represented the Government.

MANY POOR BOX ROBBERIES.

Two of the New Plain Clothes Men Complimented on an Arrest.

Two of Gen. Greene's new sleuths, Detectives Lauterborn and Broderick, who have been assigned to duty on the Brooklyn Bridge, have captured a man who, they think, is one of several who for months have been robbing the Hospital Saturday and Sunday Association's poor boxes and those of the Salvation Army. The prisoner, who was arrested yesterday in the Adams street police court in Brooklyn, according to the detectives, was caught in the act of stealing a Salvation Army contribution box from a post at the Brooklyn end of the Bridge. The man described himself as Thomas Hobby of 628 Myrtle avenue, Brooklyn. During Christmas week it is said that very many boxes were carried away broken open. From the New York end of the Bridge six boxes containing money were stolen, while a number were smashed. The man would not say where he was at the end of the Bridge and others smashed.

Among those who appeared in court to prosecute Hobby was Mr. William G. Low, the Mayor's brother, who is president of the Hospital Saturday and Sunday Association. On behalf of the Salvation Army, Major J. Johnson appeared. Mr. Low said that inasmuch as the Bridge police complimented the detectives on their good work, as they had three other cases to their credit since they had put on plain clothes.

SAILED INTO AN AIR HOLE.

Yachting Party Struggled Two Hours, but Freed Themselves Finally.

SAYVILLE, L. I., Jan. 15.—For two hours Walter Squires of Bayport, Charles H. Resler of Brooklyn and C. C. Hubbard of Manhattan, who sailed into an air hole while out ice yachting on the Great South Bay yesterday, struggled in the icy water before they succeeded in obtaining a firm hold on the solid ice and dragging one another out.

They were off Bayport at the time of the accident. As the boat plunged into the opening the three men managed to cling to the rigging and keep their heads above water. They worked away the thin ice bit by bit until finally they reached ice strong enough to hold one of their number, who was helped out, dragging a rope with him.

After reaching a safe position he hauled his companions to the solid ice with the rope and all three ran to the nearest shelter. Their clothing froze on the journey.

MALICON'S BODY FOUND.

Labourer Went Down With the Platform of Passaic Bridge on Jan. 8.

After lying wedged among bags of cement and broken timbers for a week at the bottom of the Passaic River, the body of Clemente Malicon was identified by his brother, who said that the man had a wife in Calviere, Italy. He was one of the laborers who went down with a trail platform which was overturned and crushed under the rock and barrels of water on Thursday of last week.

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The American Protective Tariff League held its regular annual meeting yesterday afternoon at the league's headquarters, in West Twenty-third street, and came out strongly against reciprocity in the following resolutions, which were introduced by Col. A. S. Paine and unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That reciprocity in competitive products by treaty is unsound in principle, pernicious in practice and condemned by all experience and practical antagonism abroad. It is contrary alike to the principle of protection, to the fair treatment of domestic producers, and to friendly relations with foreign countries. It is neither ethical nor economic, since it seeks to benefit one industry by the sacrifice of others, which is the essence of injustice. As it present advocates reciprocity is a policy of favoritism, it would tend to array industry against industry and section against section at home, and incite industrial retaliation and political antagonism abroad. Such a policy would open the door to the growth of a corrupting lobby, and increase the power of debasing bossism. Such a policy has no room for honest competition, statesmanship, ethics or good politics. True American policy is protection of all the opportunities and possibilities of the American market for American enterprises, and fair, equal treatment of all competitors in the market. It is the right to compete for American business in the American market by the payment of no duties on imported goods.

This alone is honest protection, good Republicanism and the true American policy.

A copy of the resolution was sent by the league to Mr. Andrew Carnegie at his home in Ninety-first street, and he returned this comment:

I think the resolution is admirable. We will make several enemies for every one we favor. The policy of our fathers is the true Republican policy: the friend of all nations, the ally of none, equal justice to all, favoritism to none.

The election of officers resulted thus: President, Charles A. Moore of New York; vice-presidents, Col. A. S. Paine of New York and Joseph E. Thorpe of Pennsylvania; treasurer and general secretary, Wilbur F. Wakeman of New York; Col. LeGrand B. Cannon, first vice-president and one of the founders of the league, resigned on account of failing health.

The annual report showed receipts of \$28,422.27, nearly \$1,000 more than in the previous year. The membership has increased proportionally.

DROWNED IN A RESERVOIR.

Skater Sped Toward Opening in the Ice and Could Not Stop in Time.

ROCKVILLE CENTER, L. I., Jan. 15.—Leslie Wright, 17 years old, was drowned last night in the Brooklyn Water Works reservoir, known locally as Don't's Pond. Wright was skating and went directly toward open water without, apparently, realizing his position. He was going at a rapid rate, and when he reached the edge of the ice he was unable to stop and plunged into the icy water.

Several young men approached the edge of the ice, but it began to crack and they were compelled to retreat. A skiff was brought and several men rowed about for an hour and at last came across the body of Wright standing upright in seven feet of water.

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